



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.56
OF RELATED APPLICATION(S) AND OFFICE ACTION(S)

Sir:

Applicant(s) would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that the following applications,

U.S. Application/ Pat. No.	File Date	Atty. Docket. No.
10/643,629	August 18, 2003	50277-2248
10/643,563	August 18, 2003	50277-2249
10/643,628	August 18, 2003	50277-2250
10/867,923	June 14, 2004	50277-2471
10/927,893	August 27, 2004	50277-2579

referred to as the "related applications", contain subject matter that is related to the subject matter of the present application. The related applications may contain one or more claims that are substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, and those claims may have been rejected in the related applications. Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file histories of the related applications as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

The Examiner is also hereby notified that for the following related application(s) an Office Action has been received as indicated below:

U.S. Application/ Pat. No.	File Date	Office Action Mailing Date	Atty. Docket. No.
09/798,618	March 1, 2001	September 24, 2004	50277-1593

The related application(s) contain(s) one or more claims that may be substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, those claims may have been rejected in the related application(s), and a different interpretation may have been applied to one or more of the references that are of record in the present application. Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file history(ies) of the related application(s) as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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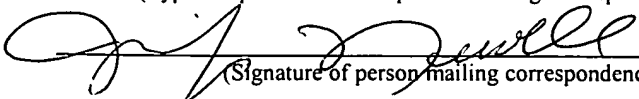
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